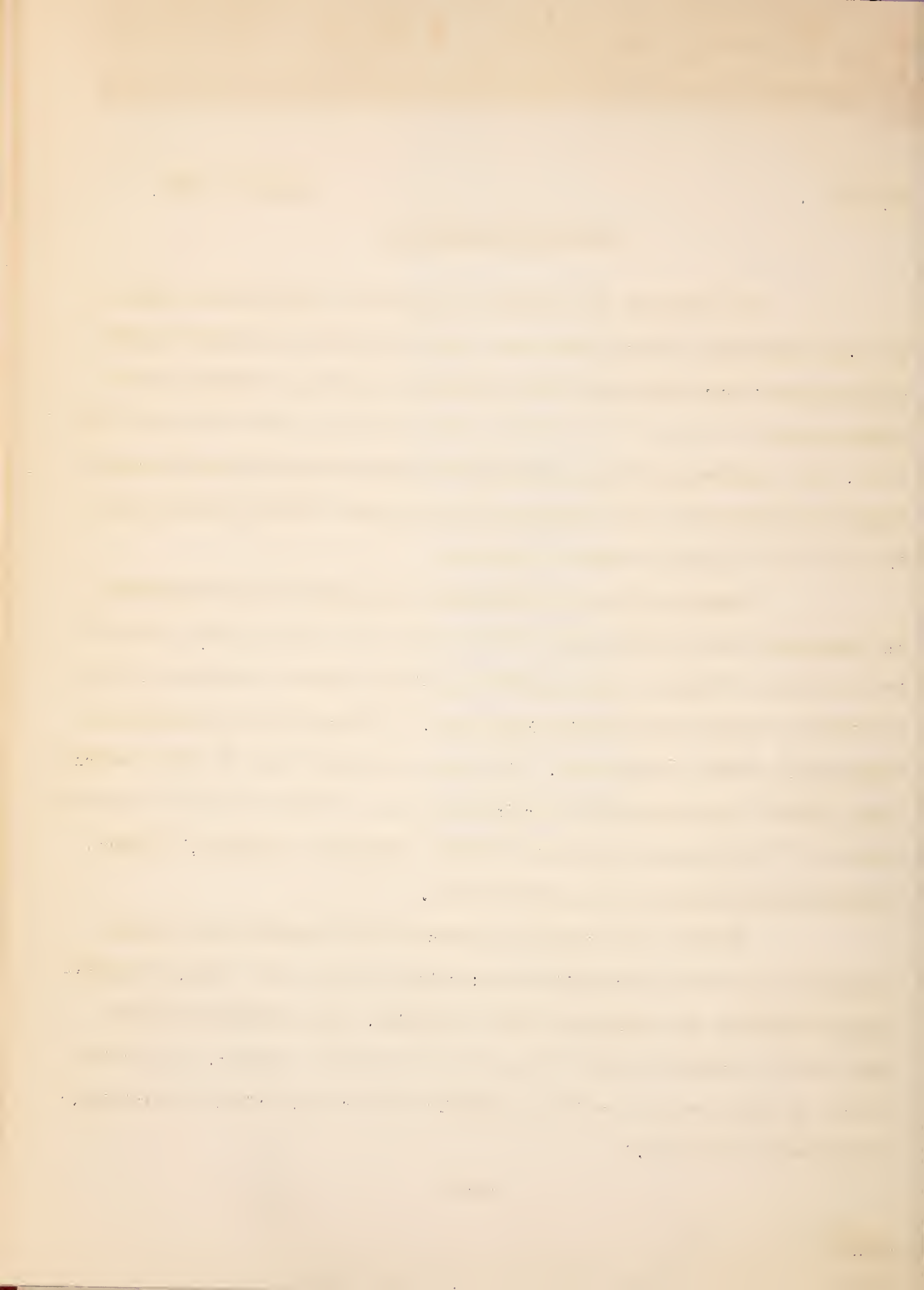


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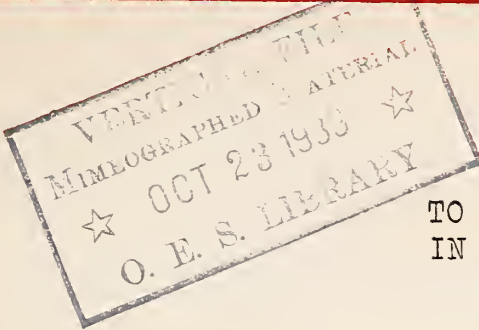
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TO PREVENT DECAY
IN FRAME HOUSES

A good frame house that is dry and well built is in practically no danger from decay. This information comes from the Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wis., wood research organization of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

To prevent decay in a frame house, the Forest Products Laboratory suggests that the householder observe half a dozen precautions:

Build the house on a site that is well drained.

Buy well seasoned lumber from a yard that does not tolerate rot in foundations and lumber piles.

Do not use lumber that is starting to decay.

Do not allow the lumber to lie on the ground after delivery on the job, and do not let untreated lumber come in contact with the soil or with foundations or walls likely to be damp.

Unseasoned wood should not be embedded in concrete or masonry without leaving ventilation around the ends of the timbers.

Unless wood flooring has been chemically treated, never lay it directly on the soil or on concrete in contact with the soil. Provide plenty of ventilation so that free circulation of air around the wood will keep it dry.

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